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Stated Meeting for May 2011 will be on the 3rd of May at the usual time and place. The dinner will be found on the California Fajita Bar

Weekly "doings" will be sent out as they come about.

Memorial Day

*****, (and) I believe that all of us can agree Ancient landmarks which thy fathers have set (Red-White & Blue) should remain inviolate. Our Flag is a landmark or a symbol. It represents our dedication to liberty and freedom. But the real point is this - No yellow Fellow. John Daly's explanation why there should be no yellow fringe on any flag. John Daly—November

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Which Masonic writer does Masonry consider authoritative?

None, if you mean "authoritative" in the sense that they speak for the fraternity or that what they say is "binding" upon Masons. Each Mason must think for himself, and each is entitled to write whatever he wishes.

It's the same when studying government. If a person really wants to understand American Government, they almost must read Madison's and Hamilton's "Federalist Papers" as well as de Tocqueville and the History of the Constitutional Convention. None of those things are the law-- they are just commentaries on the way the law was made, and the thinking of the people who wrote the Constitution. Masonic writers are the same. Some have something of value to say -- others are useless (each man can write whatever he wants,



Greetings Brethren,

I hope you all enjoyed Easter and/or Spring Break and had some time to contemplate the symbolism of Spring and rebirth. In a way, it is much like the initiation in that we get to see and be part of a new beginning, full of all the promises that a fresh start holds and the purity which is innately part of something at its genesis.

Lodge events this month will begin with our stated meeting where we will be hosting Anne Tanner, MN RN who is the Executive Operations Director at Hoag Memorial Hospital's Cancer Institute. She will be speaking about oncology nursing and will help explain the important role these nurses serve. This is in support of the Grand Master's project, so I hope you will all come out and show your support. May 10th we will be doing a practice of the 2nd Section of 3rd Degree, if any of you are interested in participating in a supporting role in an upcoming 3rd degree (ie a non-officer,) please come by and join us.

We will be holding the first of our biannual Blood Drives on Tuesday May 17th from 2:00pm to 8:00pm at the Saddleback Laguna Masonic Center located at 23685 Birtcher Dr in Lake Forest. All the blood collected from our drives is committed to the use of Mission Hospital, so know that this is an event where we have a real and direct impact on our immediate community. To date our Lodge has helped more than 500 people - some may have even been members of our own Lodge or our family members. Please be sure to schedule your appointment as soon as possible and don't forget to sign up your neighbors, co-workers, and family members. Appointment times run every 20 minutes so contact Art Salazar to make your appointment (art.salazar@cox.net).

On May 24th we will be initiating a new brother, and may possibly be having a double first pending election at the May stated. Although in California and the U.S. in general, most emphasis is placed on reaching the 3rd degree, I have always,

felt that the first degree is the most important in the blue lodges it is that new beginning I spoke of above, and really sets the tone for a man's Masonic pursuits. With that in mind, I hope some of the brothers we don't see on a regular basis will come out and support our soon to be brother and maybe rekindle the feelings of that fresh start we all took at the altar.

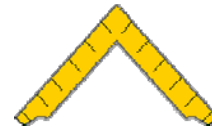
Warm regards, Phil



Senior Warden
Joseph Perrigou



Greetings for the month of May my Brothers! This month I would like to talk a bit about our most common symbols, the square, compass and letter G. Taken from an article on the website of Rt. Wor. Gary L. Dryfoos:



The Square

Is a builder's square, two equal flat-edged metal or wooden arms joined at a perfect "right angle" defined in geometry as 90 degrees, or $\frac{1}{2} \pi$ radians. It enables the stonemasons, bricklayers, architect, or other builders to draw or prove perfect square corners in plans, and carved stones.

The right angle is important in buildings, to make sure that stones and bricks are square, meeting and joining at the correct angle, so they don't crowd each other or lean improperly. Buildings will be stronger and reliable when angles are properly squared.

In Masonry, this is a symbol of our ability to use the teachings of conscience and morality to test or try the rightness of our actions. It is a symbol of the Golden Rule. To deal "squarely" with someone is to treat them fairly and honestly, as we ourselves would want to be treated.

It also symbolizes the authority of the master of the workmen, whose perfect square was the standard against which all the other measuring squares on the building site were checked for accuracy. In early days, the simple geometric techniques for the construction of a perfect square was a secret kept and preserved by master builders, so the Master (presiding officer) of a Mason's Lodge still wears a square as his emblem.

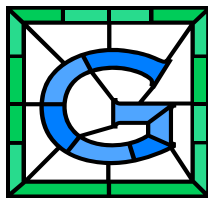


The Compass

Is a device consisting of a pair of legs of equal length, fixed together at their apex by an adjustable hinge. It is used for drawing circles and circular arcs, and for taking or marking off distances along a line.

To Masons, the compass symbolizes our intention to draw a boundary line around our own desires and passions, and our determination to keep ourselves within that circle of self-restraint and moderation, which is the foundation of morality and wisdom.

Since classical times, compasses and the straight-edge (a plain unmarked ruler) have been the basic tools of geometry, used in proofs and constructions. Compasses symbolize the science of Geometry, which is the basis of architecture, and more generally is the symbol of mankind's ability to learn about the world around us.



The Letter G'

Stands for a number of things, first of all "Geometry," which is the study of the order and beauty in mathematics and Nature, Humanity's first instructor in the arts and sciences. It also stands for Great Architect of the Universe or is the initial of the name of the Supreme Being.

That's a partial explanation, anyway. The longer a Mason thinks about the working tools of Masonry, the more and deeper meanings he comes to see in them.

And now you know from whence came these:



INFINITY RAINBOW NEWS Homecoming for Grand Charity

Kara Brunworth was welcomed home from Grand Assembly after her announcement as Grand Charity for 2011. Our Golden Girl beamed with brilliance as she was escorted through an honor guard of glittery stars and swaying dolphins held by our Rainbow Girls. The glitter and gold were for charity's treasures, and the dolphins for this year's Grand Mascot.

Kara is the niece of our Conductress Karen Anderson and the daughter of Mother Advisor Peggy Brunworth. We enjoyed Kara's message during Good of the Order. It was also special to welcome three other Grand Officers from the Orange and the Riverside areas.

Mother's Celebration

Infinity Assembly will have a special Mother's Day ceremony immediately following our May 3rd meeting. All OES members, sisters and brothers alike, are invited to attend. The meeting begins at 7:00 pm and the beautiful ceremony will begin around 8:00. We know you will enjoy spending time with our girls and being honored, yourself. Our Worthy Advisor Tori has had many wonderful meetings, so please come and celebrate our girls

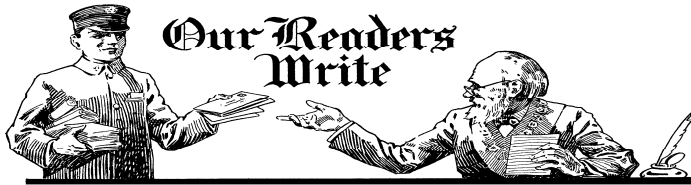


on the first and third Wednesdays.
Sue White DMG & Kara Brunworth Grand Charity

EDITOR



Some things just never seem to change; or is it That we just do not have the will to change them?



Our Readers Write

LODGES AND IMMORALITY

It may seem like a question that I should ask of somebody else for it may not be in your line, but I should like to ask you if you do not think that our lodges should do something to stop the great amount of immorality that is going on in our cities, especially among young people. I am an old man, soon to get out of this world, but these things still worry me. G.F.T. California.

"These things" should worry us all. Moral rot-tenness seems to have filtered into everything, colleges, public schools, the press, magazines, books, and the streets, not to mention the home which seems everywhere to be losing its old moral authority. But it does not appear that Masonic Lodges can do more than they are doing - more, that is, in the sense of performing more functions. The responsibility rests squarely on parents. If a father and mother can't keep a sixteen year old boy or girl off the streets at night, and out of vile places, who can? Parents, it would appear to us, have delegated altogether too much of their own responsibility to government agencies.

"Um Duude? "Whut." "Um like ain't that a bit harsh? Like on the parents? They, like hafta work an like hafta get the money fer he latest iPhone an stuff for their kids, yah know?"

"Really?" "Wull, yeah man, things are like a lot different now". "No, "things" are essentially not different at all." "That Mason G.F.T? He is actual proof of that in a very large way".

"Aw Duude, come on now, yer, like, playing me for a Dweeb Duude". "Not so, not at all so; G.F.T. of California wrote that question 89 years ago and the answer was written in the same year—1922. All to be found in the February 1922 issue of "The Builder (Masonic) Magazine". The only difference I see is that too many kids

if they know some one who did ask to be born. And though most wont admit it, they are truly saying is that they did not ask to be born to such dopey parents who are not only not smart enough to know that they owe them every thing, they were also too stupid to be rich and guarantee them everything they want. . "Aw Duude."

"No, Awe yourself, by doing for yourself, and be thankful your folks will help you all they can but you have to make the effort to make what you will of yourself because in the end you are going to be what you allow yourself to be in spite of any assistance or lack of same from anyone else."

[Ed}

THE WAY OF DUTY

This truth comes to us more and more the longer we live, that on what field or in what uniform, or with what aims we do our duty, matters very little, or even what our duty is, great or small, splendid or obscure. Only to find our duty certainly and somewhere, and do it faithfully, makes us strong, happy and useful men, and tunes our lives into some feeble echo of the life of God. - Phillips Brooks.

Knowledge and wisdom never thrust themselves gratuitously upon any man. Sometime, somewhere, he has paid the full price in Personal Effort; and they have come to him only as compensation for the energy he has spent in his struggle upward into the light of Truth. There is no achievement in the realm of the soul without personal effort. --From "The Great Work."

The development and maintenance of the moral order depend on internal conditions. And these are without the domain of law. Nevertheless, as law prepares the way for the moral order, morals make the task of law easier. The more thoroughly each individual, *of his own volition, measures his life by reason*, the more completely does law cease to be merely regulative and restraining, and attains its higher role of an organized human freedom. Here is one of the prime functions of the symbols of the Craft. As one reflects upon these symbols, the idea of life measured by reason is everywhere borne in upon him. The twenty-four inch gauge, the plumb, the level, the square and compass, and the trestle board are eloquent of measurement and restraint.

Through zeal knowledge is gotten, through lack of zeal knowledge is lost; let a man who knows this double path of gain and loss thus place himself that knowledge may grow. — Buddha



WORKING TOOLS

"If a thing is old, it is a sign that it was fit to live. Old families, old customs, old styles survive because they are fit to survive. The guarantee of continuity is quality. Submerge the good in a flood of the new, and good will come back to join the good which the new brings with it. Old-fashioned hospitality, old-fashioned politeness, old-fashioned honor in business, and old fashioned civility had qualities of survival. These will come back." - Eddie Rickenbacker (Still waiting Eddie.)

"Okay, fine, but who is this guy to spout off and I should listen?"

Nobody much in the eyes of the bored and if its not all about me it ain't nothin' generation. But some of us remember him well. Edward V. Rickenbacker ~ Aviator, Air Force officer, auto racer, and airline official. Many knew him as an auto racer and world champ at both National and International events.

In world War one (I) (that's the one that an American President assured us that if we all had the courage to go to would be the war that was going to end all wars.) Eddie went to France with General, and Brother, "Black Jack" Pershing ~ ~ as his driver. Yeah, a Rear Echelon ~ ~ . But wait! There is more! On August 25th 1917, Eddie asked, for and was granted the job of Commanding Officer of the 94th Aero Pursuit squadron. It was the first American aviation unit in combat on the Western Front. The unit became the hottest unit of the war to end all wars with 69 kills. Captain Eddie got 26 of them and became the Ace of all Aces.

Eddie returned to the States at the end of the war to end all wars; did some stuff here and there and in the years 1932-33 became the vice President of Aviation Corporation, then General Manager of Eastern Airlines and later in 1935 he was Chairman of the board of Eastern. Three years later Eddie was shocked, shocked I say to learn that The war to end all wars wasn't that at all it was just practice for the Real war to um like do something or other about Democracy or some thing like that, which didn't take either. Anyway, in the Second World War to whatever Eddie was sent , by the Secretary of war, on missions to England, the South Pacific, North Africa, Iran, India, China, Russia (Actually the USSR), Iceland, Greenland and the Aleutians. He was forced down on a Pacific flight in 1942 but was rescued after floating around in a life raft which he commanded. (Lots of film on his rescue which was shown in every movie theaters in the NEWS section before the movie started. The Distinguished Flying Cross with 9 clusters and the Congressional Medal of Honor. Betwixt and between all the goings on Eddie decided to join the Freemasons. And did so , receiving his degrees in Kilwinning Lodge No. 297 in Detroit Michigan. He received his degrees April 17th, June 12th and 26th, 1922. In 1926 he became a member of Palestine Chapter of R.A.M. Followed by membership in the Detroit

Commandery No. 1 K.T., AND, get this, Moslem Shrine Temple all of Detroit. He is also a 33 Degree AASR (NJ). In 1942 New York Grand Lodge awarded him the Distinguished Service Medal and finally September 1957 age 67, the Detroit Commandery No.1 named a class in his honor. Other than that he was just another Mason..



DEPARTMENT OF LONGEVITY



MAY BIRTHDAYS

NATAL ~ ~ Free Dinner

1st: Robert Bova
5th: Greg Ragsdale
6th: Keith Mulvaney
8th: Robert Johnston
8th William Jones
11th: Jason Mays
11th: Duane Bente
12th: Wendell Faulk Jr
13th: John Slover
16th: Robert Barth
18th: Steve Pritsker PM
26th: Swithin Chandler
27th: Warren Wilson
28th: Kevin Berg
31st: Randall Smith

MASONIC YEARS

Anderson, Donald C. 39
Robert E. Barth 18
Edward Carmona 14
Patrick D. Cossey PM 21
Wendell E. Faulk, Jr. 47
Justus W. Gromme, Jr. 55
Randall W. Harman 41
Leonard S. Johnson 2
Elmer L. Lackey P M 35
Donald W. Lowe, PM 38
Kenneth R. Mc Carty 18
Gary L. Miller, II 3
Mark J. Neiman 16
James D. Nyfeler PM 28
Joseph J. Perrigoue 4
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WORKING TOOLS

Incivility Is Permeating Our Society [Edited]

Freemasonry reinforces our ethical convictions, feelings of brotherly love and our obligations to be civil in our dealings with other people.

This mutual respect and tolerance engenders a more caring environment or positive emotional imprint.

Unfortunately our society is full of uncivil behavior including spewed hate, slurs, insults, inflammatory media personalities, and explosive violence. Some adults seem to get vicarious pleasure or actually thrive on this negativism and rancor. For most of us these create a roiling unrest in our soul and psyche. This incivility is as harmful to our society as the toxic pollution in our environment and creates a negative emotional footprint that can breed aggressiveness and demoralization.

This disregard of others has become more commonplace in public among our athletes, celebrities, and people in the media and even in some families when ugly opinions and feelings are expressed. We witness disrespect, rudeness, invective fulminating and incivility in stores, public transportation and other places in the community.

Because we are human there may be times when we are about to be or have been uncivil. As Masons we can serve as a mentor and model in our family and community and stop our negative or angry attitude and/or behavior. We can validate with each other the uncivil behavior we have witnessed in our community and choose to help others be aware of its destructive influence. These are some of the ways we can help to create a positive emotional footprint in our world. ~Stan Shapiro
Grand Lodge Education Officer MN.

"Masonry gives us all a chance to do and to be; to do a little, however humble the part, in making the world better; to be a little larger, a little fuller in our lives, a little nearer to the G.A.O.T.U. And unless a man understands this, believes it, takes it to his heart, and lives it in his daily life, and strives to show it forth to others in his every act—unless he live and love and labor in his Masonry—I say he is no Master Mason;---- “ Carl M. Claudy

TO JOIN OR NOT TO JOIN

To join, or not to join, that is the question
Whether 'tis better for me to suffer
This non-Masonic state of outer darkness
Or tread the path of other, braver men
And by enrolling, end it?

To join – to meet
No more, and in the Lodge to say we end
The cold, uncharitable, unfeeling times
Non-Masons suffer – 'Tis a consummation
Devoutly to be wished.

To join the Lodge
Its mysteries perform – ay, there's the rub
For in those awful scenes what may be done
Which may intend to shake a strong man's
soul?
It makes us pause.

There's the respect
That makes calamity of our friendless state;
For who would bear the Solitary life
The World's indifference, the lack of Sympathy,

The want of friendly speech and the snubs
Which swelling self-importance stings us with,
Which he himself might evermore ignore,
By joining up?

Who would so friendless be
To stand outside a genial Brotherhood
But that the dread of something afterwards
That unknown Society, whose secrets
No Mason reveals, puzzles the will
And makes us rather bear those ills we have
Than fly to others that we know not of?

So stand us hesitating on the brink
And so our firm resolve to join the Craft
Is sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought
And leaves us marking time
On our own ground. – Diogenes

And yes, there are plans and ways available
for the remembering of your Lodge in you
will.



KEEPERS OF THE DOOR

"Darn the luck! I am assigned on a petition again and I am going fishing tomorrow!" The New Brother looked dolefully at his notification slip.

"Why not see the applicant the next day?" asked the Old Tiler.

"Because he is going out of town. I got to see him tomorrow or else. And I want to go fishing.

This committee stuff makes me tired, anyway. Say, if I get the Master to change my name to yours, will you do it for me?"

"Why, of course," answered the Old Tiler. "I am always proud to be one of the Keepers of the Door."

"Now that," said the New Brother, "sounds both interesting and dangerous. It's interesting, because I don't understand it, and experience has taught me that when I come at you below the belt, as it were, I usually get kicked pronto and unexpectedly. Please explain the door which you like to keep, where the honor is, what me and my committee work have to do with it, and remember that I am a poor orphan child alone in the wild anteroom with a raging Old Tiler, and not to be too hard on me?"

The Old Tiler did not smile. "I would laugh," he confessed, "only it's Masonry you are jesting about and it's not a jest. Yes, I will tell you about the door. I just wish I could speak the word in capital letters.

"Masonry is a structure of brotherly love, relief and truth, cemented with affection, erected on a square to God, and towering miles high above puny humanity, its foibles and its failings. Masonry is a structure of which we, its humble builders, are proud, because we know that we have built better than we knew. We have so built, partly because we have had help from so many men of so many past ages, and partly because we have had help we could neither see nor understand.

"Some look at our temple of Masonry and wonder. Some look, shrug shoulders and pass by. Some look at our temple of Masonry and see it not; others gaze on it and seek to enter.

"In this country there are nearly 16,000 doors to our temple of Masonry, through one of which a man must pass who would see it from the inside.

There are so many doors in order that any man who desires, and is fit, may find the door which is easy for him to enter. It is not true that it is 'hard to be as Mason."

"We only ask that an applicant be a legal resident of this Jurisdiction for at least one year; a man, free-born, 18 years of age, and of good character. He may be high or low, rich or poor, great or obscure, famous or unknown. If he is a good man we want him to see our temple from the inside as soon as he expresses a desire to do so.

"So we have over 16,000 lodge doors in our 50 States and possessions; therefore no man who meets our requirements can say he came not in because he could not find a way to one of those doors.

"Hence, Keepers of the Door. Like any other symbol in Masonry, they are three; three brethren to keep each door safe, sacred and undefiled from the footsteps of evil men, self-seekers, the wicked, the blasphemous, the immoral. Those three who keep each door are not assigned to it for any length of time.

"Their service is not a service which will become onerous from time-taking and effort. The Master appoints three Keepers of the Door for every man who tries to enter. Today there is you and John and Jim. Tomorrow it will be George and Jack and Will. The next day another three will keep the door, if any man raps upon it.

"With due humility, but infinite pride, I am the Guardian of the Locked Door. As Tiler I suffer none to pass within who have not the right. But the open door no one man may guard; it takes three.

"You were appointed tonight as one of those three. Someone has rapped at the door and now it stands ajar. To you it has been said, 'Keep thou the door; keep thou the faith; keep thou this thy temple pure and undefiled.'"

"You do not want to labor. You want to go fishing. You ask me if I will do your work for you and I answer you, gladly, if so the Master shall find me worthy of the honor." "I shan't ask him," he answered low. "I am ashamed. I didn't understand. I am not, I know, worthy of the honor, but as well as I know how, I will keep the door."

"I thought you might," smiled the Old Tiler. "After all, no one will catch all the fish; there will be some left for you some other time."

"Not if it interferes with being Keeper of the Door," answered the New Brother vigorously.

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